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# STEAM TRAWLER HAD SMALL FARE

The Foam Back From Trip  
With Only 20,000 Lbs.  
of Haddock.

This morning was another good fresh fish day at T wharf, after yesterday's quiet, one of the beam trawlers and 22 sailing crafts being on hand with fares.

The off shores are schs. Rex, 67,000 pounds; Aspinet, 61,000 pounds; Mary C. Santos, 53,000 pounds; Beuma, 35,000 pounds. The steam trawler Foam has a small trip, hailing for 21,000 pounds, mostly haddock.

Wholesale dealers paid \$2 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5.50 to \$6 for market cod, \$3 to \$4 for small cod, \$4 to \$6.50 for hake and \$4 to \$6 for pollock.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Str. Foam, 16,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Rex, 50,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8000 cusk.  
Sch. Aspinet, 40,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Delphina Cabral, 19,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Matchless, 8000 haddock, 1600 cod.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Beuma, 35,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 2000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. W. W. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Washakie, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 400 cod.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 7000 haddock, 400 cod.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Motor, 3500 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6700 cod.  
Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Emily Sears, 8500 cod.  
Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$6.50; pollock, \$4 to \$6.

## Foreign Salt Fish.

The Norwegian fishery director publishes each year a long and elaborate report on the cod fishery at the Lofoten Isles, which is by far the most important in Europe. The fishery goes on from about the middle of January to the early part of April, says the Fish Trades Gazette. Last year over 5,000 boats were engaged at the fishing during some weeks (in March), and various fishing gear are employed. A census taken on March 16 showed 5,208 boats and 16,360 fishermen engaged in catching cod. Of these, 1,023 boats and 3,983 men used gill nets; 4,058 boats and 12,076 men used long lines, and the remainder hand lines. During the last few years the number of fishermen at the Lofoten codfishing has declined; in 1909 20,346 were employed, and in the nineties the number usually exceeded 30,000. The number of cod taken and commercially used was 15,100,000, while the fishery also yielded 1,197 hectolitres of liver, 12,043 hectolitres of cod liver oil, and 16,136 hectolitres of roe. Of the total fish, 9,200,000 were salted for klipfish, 5,800,000 were hung for stockfish, and 100,000 were prepared in other ways. The guano factories received 11,800,000 cod heads the rest being employed for food for cattle. The value of the products of the fishery was about 4,500,000 kroner (£250,000).

This season's catch of codfish to February 15 is reported as 7,014,000 fish, compared with 12,320,000 in 1912; 3,011,000 in 1911; 4,580,000 in 1910, and 4,750,000 in 1909 at about the same date.

## New Concern Incorporated.

Cape Cod Trap Company has been incorporated at Portland, Me., to engage in a general fishing and fish business. Capital stock, \$10,000; par value of shares, \$100; paid in, \$300. President, M. A. Mulnix; clerk, J. F. Fanning; treasurer, Frank Fellows; directors, J. F. Fanning, Frank Fellows and M. A. Mulnix.

# GEORGESMEN BRING CODFISH

Many of the Gill Netters  
Did Not Get Chance To  
Lift Yesterday.

Two Georgesmen are here this morning. They are schs. Arabia with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and the Titania with 18,000 pounds of salt cod, 3500 pounds of fresh cod and 1000 pounds of halibut.

The Arabia disposed of her halibut fare at Portland, retaining her salt fare which was brought here. Both crafts will be taken by Sylvanus Smith & Company, the owners.

Yesterday's gill netting receipts were about 20,000 pounds, mostly haddock. A number of the boats were obliged to return to port without lifting at all.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
Sch. Arabia, via Portland, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Titania, Georges handling, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. fresh halibut, 3500 lbs. fresh cod.  
Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Harold, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorana, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Joanna, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, halibut-ing.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Eva and Mildred, haddocking.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.  
All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Arrivals.

Sch. Ella Clifford, Boston, salt for Fred Bradley.

# HERRING FISHERS LOSING MONEY

Western Star Says Bay of  
Islands Men Have Losses  
Instead of Profits.

Cheapness in the cost of production through the agency of machinery does not mean the lessening of the price of the article to the consumer. Every article we use, whether it be the product of the farm, the factory or the workshop costs the consumer more each year, and there does not seem to be any hope in the future that these conditions are going to alter.

With increased cost of living there must come a corresponding increase in the earning power of worker, otherwise his condition would be most deplorable. In the Bay of Islands we have been prosecuting the herring fishery for many years with varying success. Down to 1898 very little interest was taken by either Government or representatives in those employed at the industry of the price paid for herring.

After the return of the Hon. M. P. Gibbs in 1897 as member for the district a minimum price of \$1.25 a barrel was fixed, and rules and regulations made for the protection of those engaged in the industry. Fourteen years have elapsed since then, and notwithstanding that the cost of living has increased by leaps and bounds, the price of nets and twines of all kinds have almost doubled, we are selling the herring for the same price as was formerly paid, the consequence is that an industry which from '98 to 1902 or 1903 was very lucrative, today it does not pay to outfit for it, and the reason, is that while outfits cost nearly 100 per cent. more the price paid for herring remains stationary and apparently a great many people are content to let it continue so.

According as the legitimate living and working expenses of a man increases there must come a corresponding increase in his earning power whether it be in the sale of the article or the sale of his labor else he is not doing justice to himself or the community in which he lives.

There is no denying the fact that a great many more thousands of dollars are invested in the prosecution of the herring fishery by the fishermen of the Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay than ever before and when it only paid them nine or more years ago to sell their herring at \$1.25 a barrel many must have been for some time past making losses instead of profits. Some may ask how is this to be remedied, we hope to be able to point to a way in which it can.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

## Portland Fish Notes.

The entire local fishing fleet was out on the fishing grounds Tuesday, most of the vessels making a catch, and although few of them secured a very large amount the aggregate for the day was over 50,000 pounds, the largest single day's receipts for quite a while. The catch would have been much larger but for the heavy blow which sprung up in the afternoon, causing the skippers to scurry to port with half a catch, some of them coming away in such a hurry that they did not stop to pick up their gear.

### The arrivals were:

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 12,000 lbs. mixed fish.  
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 2000 lbs. mixed fish.  
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 2000 lbs. mixed fish.  
Sch. Annie F. Kimball, fishing.  
Sch. Katie L. Palmer, fishing.  
Sch. George H. Lube, fishing.  
Sch. Fanny Reed, fishing.  
Sch. James & Esther, fishing.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, fishing.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, fishing.  
Sch. Annie F. Kimball, light, Gloucester.

## Canadian Fish Trade.

Scarcity of fresh haddock and halibut still prevails, causing advances in prices. Other lines, too, are moving upward and whole market shows general firmness, says the "Canadian Grocer." Fish dealers at all points have been well satisfied with the way in which business has kept up and with Lent continuing for this week, are looking forward to further large turnover before season closes. Snowfall in New Brunswick has greatly stimulated trade in that district while in Montreal market has been quieter during past week.

Mar. 20.

# T WHARF WELL SUPPLIED TODAY

Thirteen Trips In Since Last  
Report and Off Shore  
Haddock Down.

Thirteen fares of fresh fish, mostly haddock, were reported at T wharf, Boston, today, since yesterday, nearly evenly divided between the shore and off shore fleet.

The largest trips are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes, 50,000 pounds; Robert and Arthur, 40,000 pounds; Mary E. Silveria, 54,000 pounds; Rebecca, 41,000 pounds. The steam trawler Swell arrived yesterday with 34,000 pounds of fresh fish and 3000 weight of sole, while the Surf arrived this morning with a fare.

Wholesalers paid \$1.50 to \$3.75 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$3 to \$3.50 for markets, \$3.50 to \$5.50 for hake, \$3.50 to \$5 for pollock, \$3.50 for cusk and 12 cents and 16 cents a pound for halibut.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake, 1800 cusk.  
Str. Swell, 33,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 3000 lemon sole.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 45,000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
Sch. Rebecca, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.  
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 13,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 500 haddock, 300 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Two Brothers, 200 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Marion, 1300 cod.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Str. Surf.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 per cwt.; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50 per cwt.; pollock, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt.; cusk, \$2.50 per cwt.; halibut, 16 cts. for white and 12 cts. for gray.

## Canadian Fishermen Heard.

Messrs. Cowie and Calder, the commissioners appointed by the Government to hear the evidence of the fishermen of Charlotte County on the subject of the preferential clause in their weir licenses, concluded their labors last week, and have submitted their report to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The only point in the county, where there was any disposition on the part of the fishermen to give the Canadian sardine packer a preference over the United States packer, was in St. Andrews. In St. George, West Isles and Grand Manan the fishermen were almost a unit against any preference. They wanted on open market, with liberty to sell to the best customer they could find.

At Grand Harbor about 130 fishermen attended the meeting. It was conducted on very orderly lines, the fishermen making their statements clearly and respectfully. The same was true of Seal Cove, where about 50 fishermen attended the meeting. No session was held at Campobello, as interested Campobello fishermen for the most part had attended the meeting at Lord's Cove.

## Getting Ready for Long Trip.

The auxiliary sch. Knickerbocker took on stores and provisions at Long wharf, Boston, yesterday for her long passage to Seattle, Washington on which she will start next Tuesday to engage in the Pacific coast halibut fishery.

The Knickerbocker was given a very successful trial Tuesday, logging 50 miles. Capt. Robert A. Lathage, commander of the craft is confident she will cover the 16,000 miles between here and her destination in 100 days, barring accidents.

The Bay State, a sister ship of the Knickerbocker which was built in this city will leave a month later in command of Capt. Norman A. Ross.



**Another Gill Netter.**  
The fleet of gill netters has been augmented by the arrival of another one of the lake fleet, the little steamer Harold. The craft is about 35 foot long, of the regular flat top type and is commanded by Capt. Knute Palsen, who has removed his family here. He has invented a lifting device for hauling in nets. The little craft made her first lift day before yesterday, securing 800 pounds.

**Arrived at Portland.**  
Capt. John Doggett arrived from Gloucester Tuesday with the fishing schooner Olympia, which he is to employ in the halibut fishery. The schooner is a fine looking craft of 77 tons, built at Essex, Mass., in 1899. Capt. Doggett is one of the best known fishermen sailing out of this port, and will doubtless do well in his new venture.—Portland Argus.

**How Pearls Are Obtained.**  
The value of the pearl output from the Persian Gulf averages about \$12,000,000 annually. The divers are chiefly Arabs who are capable of remaining under water about three minutes at a time, but are nearly suffocated when they reach the surface. The limit of endurance for the sturdiest is about five years. Most of them become deaf even in that short period. Fourteen hours a day are exacted by their masters for this work, and during that time the divers take no food, but keep up their vitality by drinking coffee.

**Foreign Mackerel.**  
A very light demand prevails for imported mackerel, with prices favoring buyers and orders chiefly of a hand-to-mouth character. Norways and Irish are both easier, and No. 1 Norways have been offered freely at \$29. Some advices from Norway state that the market there is freely supplied and that there is pressure by shippers to sell goods. The latest report on Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool by cable of March 8 says: Fishing very poor.—Fishing Gazette.

**Halibut Sold.**  
The small lot of halibut of sch. Titania sold to the American Halibut company at 14 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

**The Pacific Halibut Market.**  
Extensive fluctuation and a considerable decline in prices towards the close of the month characterized the Seattle halibut market during February. With the settlement of the strike, the steamer fleet went into commission again, some steamer fish began to arrive and there were signs of other and better trips to follow. On this account and in view of the fact that much of the box fish arriving from Alaska was of inferior quality, owing to a delay in shipment due to the annual overhauling of the Alaska steamers, the market broke, dropping in four weeks from 11 cents to 5 3-4 cents.

A striking feature of the spring and winter season has been the total absence of halibut from the Cape Flattery banks, in previous years the best winter grounds. As a result the vessels have been fishing on summer grounds, with a considerable transportation handicap and other weather difficulties.—Pacific Fisherman.

**Provincetown Fishermen Going to the Pacific.**  
The Pacific Coast Codfishery Company is bringing 30 codfishermen from Provincetown, Mass., to man its schooners, John A. and Charles R. Wilson, this season, says the Pacific Fisherman. This plan has been tried before to remedy the shortage of fishermen on this coast, but has not been altogether successful, owing to the fact that few real fishermen were secured. The Pacific Coast Company has been exceptionally careful in the selection of their men and expect to have no difficulty.

Mar. 21.

## BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF MARKET

**Haddock Sold As Low As \$1.50 at T Wharf This Morning.**

With the approach of the end of the Lenten season, the bottom seems to have dropped out of the fresh fish market, and prices for the past few days have taken quite a drop.

Arrivals at T wharf, Boston, since yesterday, include two steam trawlers and 23 sailing crafts. Most of the fish is haddock, however, with some cod and a few hake and pollock.

The off shores in are sch. Moanam, 68,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Surf, 30,000 pounds, and Ripple, 33,000 pounds.

Wholesalers paid \$1.50 to \$2.75 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 for large cod, \$2.50 for market cod, \$3 to \$5 for hake and \$3 to \$4.25 for pollock.

**Boston Arrivals.**  
The fares and prices in detail are:  
Str. Surf, 28,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 2300 lemon sole.  
Str. Ripple, 27,500 haddock, 1700 cod, 5500 lemon sole.  
Sch. Manomet, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 7000 haddock, 1800 cod, 5800 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 4500 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Moanam, 55,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 cusk, 200 halibut.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 14,000 haddock, 2800 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Stranger, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 700 cod, 1500 hake.  
Sch. Motor, 4500 haddock, 100 cod.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, 16,000 haddock, 300 cod.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 300 cod.  
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Tecumsah, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 3500 haddock, 400 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Pearl, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 900 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 400 cod.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Actor, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$3 to \$4.25.

## MANY FOR TRIP AROUND HORN

It's surprising how many men want to make a voyage round Cape Horn in the auxiliary schooner Knickerbocker that will leave Long wharf Boston, in a few days for Puget Sound. Capt. Lathagee is overwhelmed with applications, and nearly all those who would be so venturesome are willing to go gratis.

Some of the applicants are well-to-do and seek experience. Others are hard up and see a chance for three months' board and lodging. Then there are men who would like to go west, and see in the Knickerbocker opportunity to get there without paying for transportation, though it will be a matter of 12,000 miles of ups and downs instead of about 3000 by the overland route.

The Knickerbocker has signed a crew of 14, all experienced sailors, engineers or navigators, and wages promised are higher than union rates.

**Halibut Sale.**  
The 2000 pounds of halibut of sch. Claudia sold to the American Halibut Company at 13 1-4 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

Mar. 21.

# SHIP FISHERMEN TO WEST COAST

**Capt. Joseph Bonia Expects to Take 61 With Him Today.**

**Only Four From Here—Rest Signed In Boston—Captain Admits Men For New England Fish Co. Halibut Crafts—Telegram Here Warns Fishermen Strike There Still On—Pacific Men Hold Out For Union Recognition.**

Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, formerly skipper of the sch. Fannie A. Smith, and one of the best known mariners out of this port, who returned from the Pacific coast a few days ago, where he went to look over the fisheries field, has shipped a large number of fishermen from this coast who will leave this afternoon for the Pacific to engage in halibuting. Most of the men secured were shipped in Boston.

Capt. Bonia, after looking over the situation on the west coast immediately telegraphed on to his agents here for men and it is understood that quite a number had been shipped when he arrived in the east. According to Capt. Bonia who was seen by a Times representative just as the captain was to leave on the 10.20 train for Boston this morning 61 have signed, although but four are from this port, the others having shipped in Boston.

**Says He Will Take Big Crew.**  
Capt. Bonia does not expect that all will go as several will probably back out at the last moment he says. He is confident of having a large crew, however, when the train pulls out of Boston at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the west. The destination of the men is a secret he says, although he admitted that the fishermen were to be employed by the New England Fish Company and would be distributed at points along the north-west coast. When asked about the lay on which the men were going he said that was also a secret.

The fishermen secured here are Nick O'Brien, Michael Kelly, Maurice Bonia, a brother of Capt. Bonia and P. Bruce.

**Warn Fishermen by Telegram.**  
Having received news that eastern fishermen are bound to the Pacific coast, the following telegram has been received from Vancouver to the Times:

Vancouver, B. C.,  
March 20, 1913.

Editor Times,  
Gloucester, Mass.  
Reported men coming to break strike of halibut fishermen. Please notify fishermen strike not settled. New England Company refuses settlement and trying to bring in scabs. Other companies settled. Company cannot get men on this coast. Warn men what's doing.

RUSSEL KEARLEY,  
Halibut Fisherman.

**Late Developments in the Situation.**  
Speaking of the recent difficulties between the New England Company and the fishermen, the Pacific Fisherman in a Vancouver, B. C., dispatch, says, under date of March 10:  
"The latest development in the strike situation is the offer made by the New England Fish Company to pay fishermen in its employ one and a half cents a pound on their catches. Recognition of the union, the principal bone of contention, is withheld by the company and a firm determination is shown not to recede from the stand taken with regard to non-employment of union labor exclusively.  
"The striking fishermen express their intention of holding out for recognition of the union, stating that the issue with them is not a question of wages but of principle. They ask for a closed shop.  
"In the company's announcement it is stated that the schedule of one and a half cents a pound will be maintained all the year and that preference will be shown former employees.  
"As an indication of the New England Company's attitude the halibut steamer Kingfisher was sent north two weeks ago manned with a crew of fishermen brought from the Atlantic seaboard. Other boats similarly equipped are expected to be put into operation again within the next few days."

**The Ice Report.**  
As telegraphed by the superintendent signal service, Quebec, to the Halifax, N. S., board of trade, March 17.  
Fame Point—Light open ice everywhere.  
Heath and Money Point — Heavy close packed everywhere.  
Magdalen Islands—Heavy open everywhere.  
Flat Point—No ice.  
Cape Race—Dense fog.

**Record for Boxing Halibut.**  
The crew of the halibut fishing schooner Victor & Ethan, formerly of Boston, set a new record for boxing halibut while at Ketchikan recently. Working on a wager they boxed 165 boxes of fish in three hours and fifteen minutes.

**New Fish Company Organized.**  
The Oceanic Fish Product Company has been incorporated in San Francisco, with a capital stock of \$250,000, by E. L. Brune, O. K. Grau, and E. Chlopek.

**Halibut at Portland.**  
Sch. Hattie L. Trask was at Portland yesterday with 4000 pounds of fresh halibut, which sold at that port. Her salt cod fare will be brought here.

**Herring Plentiful in Alaska.**  
Herring are said to be unusually plentiful in Alaska this spring especially in the vicinity of Klawack.